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SUBJECT Port Information, Santa Cruz (Baluarte),
Zamboanga Province

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- Location. The town of Santa Cruz is situated on the Northeast shore of a small shallow bay. The loading dock, however, is on the south shore of the bay at Baluarte (15° 45.1'N 119° 53.9'E) and is approached by a channel through the reefs.
- Entrance. Entrance from sea should only be made during the day and is made between Hermana Mayor Island and Hermana Island with the southern and highest point of a flat topped mountain bearing 60° true which should be steered for until the dock range bears 123° true. This range consists of a triangle on the end of the pier and another triangle a short distance inland. When this range bears 123° true change course and steer on it to the pier bearing in mind that the can buoy on the starboard side and the beacon marking the 2 1/2 patch on the port side, are missing. The port is open to the NE monsoon and is untenable in bad weather.
- Pier. The Acije Mining Company maintain the wooden T-shaped pier for loading chrome ore from their mine. The pier is in poor condition. It is not advisable to put ship alongside dock or put out mooring lines on dock. Ship must be placed portside to stern anchor used. Pilotage to and from the pier is compulsory, the fee being P175.00 for each entrance and clearance.
- Cargo Operations. Ore is conveyed over the pier in tubs by truck - two tubs to a truck of about 2 1/2 tons each. Labor is supplied locally. Average loading is about 45 tons per gang hour.
- Provisions. No fresh water is available, but fresh stores in limited quantities can be obtained.
- Medical Facilities. A small hospital is situated at Santa Cruz.

Communications. The local post and telegraph office is located at Santa Cruz.

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